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SUBJECT: PINCUS-PAUL HERTER UNDERTAKING

REF: STATE 5447

1. AGREE REFER PINCUS/PAUL TO WASHINGTON FOR TEXT TELEGRAMS IF THEY PURSUE.
2. QUESTION STATUS HERTER UNDERTAKING DID NOT ARISE. ONLY REFERENCE TO IT WAS AS BASIS FOR SUPPORT 40,000 MAN FORCE LEVEL.
3. IN VIEW OBVIOUS EFFORT PINCUS/PAUL OBTAIN BASIS SLASH MAP FROM \$12,000,000 TO LEVEL OF CONGO AND TUNISIA IRRESPECTIVE DIFFERING ECONOMIC SECURITY CIRCUMSTANCES ON THEORY THIS WOULD INDIRECTLY FORCE CLOSURE KAGNEW, I STRONGLY URGE WE NOT STATE HERTER UNDERTAKING COMPLETED. AS STATE AND DOD AWARE, EMBASSY DOES NOT AGREE ON FACTUAL BASIS THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED HERTER UNDERTAKING. IN ADDITION PROVISION STRONG ARGUMENT FOR BUDGET SLASH, EFFECT ANY PUBLIC AIRING OF THIS VIEW ON IEG EXTREMELY DAMAGING FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS.
4. FULL REPORT CONVERSATIONS TO FOLLOW SATURDAY WILL PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE THIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION.
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